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Steck Consulting, LLC  
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Dear Mr. Steck and Mr. Dew

I am applying for the data analyst position at Steck Consulting on the recommendation of your employee, David Jackson, my friend and fellow Reed College alumnus.

I have experience applying statistics in a behavioral genetics laboratory under the direction of professors Susan C. P. Renn and Albyn Jones. In my research with them, I solved applied problems having to do with interpretation of data using *R*, a language new to me at the time. I found the work satisfying, so much so that my last subject of study at the laboratory evolved naturally into my senior thesis. The position at Steck consulting is an opportunity for me to do more computational statistics, further hone my programming skills, and gain a more intimate knowledge of the tools used for the interpretation and management of large data sets. I want to join Steck Consulting so that I might continue to bring sense to data.

I like detail oriented work, especially when it involves writing code. I have a good understanding of the careful patience required to do mathematics correctly, whether abstract or applied. I have strong social skills, as evidenced by my four years as a member of the Reed College ultimate frisbee team and a recent volunteer position as an outdoor trip student leader. I am sharp and calm, a goal-oriented team player. These skills and characteristics make me a good choice for the position of analyst at Steck Consulting. I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss my background and the data analyst position with you, either over the phone or in person — I will be in the Washington D.C. area in early February. I can be reached by phone at (714) 362 6823 or by email at andywinterman@gmail.com.

Thank you for reviewing my application.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Winterman

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